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FOR: Method and Apparatus for Determining

Temperature of and Controlling the Evaporation of Liquid Samples

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of 2 months to respond to the Office Action of November 5, 2003. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than April 5, 2004.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$210 is attached hereto.

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